

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013
AT 5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL**

Called to order at 5:30 PM

Present: Nick Nelson, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Marty Curry

Staff present: Keith Sowl, Jen Croonborg-Murphy, Pete Clark, Lisa Potswald, Rick Reichitzer

Public present: Troy Lutz, Mike Starck, Holly Tourdot, Evan Erickson, Jr., Steve McHugh, Mary McHugh, Dave Thomas, Larry Bean, Charilie Brummer

I. Public Comment A*

A. Town Foreman Keith Sowl announced that County road limits would continue until further notice.

B. Nick Nelson asked that discussions regarding spraying for invasive species needs more discussion, and that, in his opinion, renters enjoy the same right as owners to refuse to have chemicals sprayed where they live.

C. Jen Croonborg-Murphy stated that she had noted that the Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve had requested a Temporary Class "B" license to sell wine/beer at an event to be held at Madeline Island School of the Arts [MISA]. She asked that the Town Board once again show its support of the existing Conditional Use Permit granted to MISA by denying the license.

II. Town Administrator's Report presented by TA Pete Clark & placed on file by unanimous consent.

-Nick Nelson said that he & Hilary O.Q. Nelson are at work on a plan to place bikes around Town that are available for public use for townspeople. He believes that grant funding is available to obtain the bikes, which would then be donated to the Town. He also announced plans for a mural painted on the street pavement. His suggestion was to place this sign on the road at the intersection of Middle Rd. and Main St.

-Greg Nelson strongly urged N. Nelson to get County approval for such a project as the road is a County road.

- Ham Ross asked that N. Nelson research the effectiveness of paint on asphalt. He also pointed out safety issues connected with having people driving and reading the mural at the same time.

-N. Nelson responded that the hope was that reading the mural would slow traffic down.

-J. Patterson said that closing down that intersection for even a half day for the purpose of doing the painting would pose a serious hardship for businesses at that intersection.

-H. Ross then asked N. Nelson if liability wouldn't be an issue with the bicycle plan.

N. Nelson replied, "No."

P. Hobin asked if the bicycles would be insured by the Town.

N. Nelson replied that that would be a decision of the Town Board.

M. Curry requested that helmets be supplied with the bikes.

H. Ross suggested that the mural be painted somewhere that people can go and look at—a road that isn't a county road.

- A. 1.Consideration, Discussion and Approval of Bike Rack and Bike Sharing Initiative: already covered

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Foreman's Report May 2013: presented by Town Foreman Keith Sowl and placed on file by unanimous consent.

Nick Nelson asked about the progress of the boardwalk at Big Bay Town Park. Sowl replied that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is coming to the Island on May 21, 2013, to determine the ordinary high water mark. Discussion followed regarding the use of purlins/sleepers vs. pile driving the posts and what material should be used to make them: creosoted timbers or cedar from the Island.

Motion to extend the Town Foreman's vacation time [22.5 hours] till Labor Day per his request. HR/MC 5A Motion Carried.

2. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy List presented by Pete Clark. Motion to approve the 2013 List as presented with one change: on page 3, Community small scale alternative energy sources—explore establishment of small scale energy production for houses and businesses: change the priority number from 4 to 2, which makes it a higher priority item. MC/HR 5A Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Job Description RE: Temporary Road Crew/Truck Drive I: motion to approve the job description changes: eliminate the preference to Island residents and insert the word "Commercial" between Wisconsin and Driver's License. N. Nelson protests the exclusion of preference to Island residents. JP/HR 5A Motion Carried.

3. Hiring of temporary Truck Driver: Foreman Sowl explains the Town road crew is terribly far behind, and that he may well need a temporary truck driver one or two days a week. Motion to hire Evan Erickson, Jr., for 599 hours at a rate of \$15 an hour with a start date to be determined. HR/MC 5A Motion Carried.

4. Griggs Approach RE: contract with Nelson Construction: motion to approve the contract [prepared by Town Administrator Pete Clark] and authorize the Town Chair to sign it. JP/HR 4A 1Ab [NN] Motion Carried. H. Ross asked the timeframe for this project. K. Sowl replied that it would be done in June and would take five to seven days.

B. Parks

1. Hiring of Campground hosts: motion to approve Elizabeth & Robert Lambus to serve as volunteer campground hosts. HR/JP 4A 1No [MC] Motion Carried.

2. Hiring of two Parks Improvement Laborers: Motion to hire Robert Lambus for 599 hours at a rate of \$12/hr start date to be determined. NN/JP 5A Motion Carried. Motion to hire Leo Davis for 599 hours at a rate of \$12/hr. to start the week of May 13, 2013. MC/JP 4A 1 No [GN] Motion Carried.

3. Hiring of one Parks Operations Assistant Motion to hire Elizabeth Lambus for 599 hours at a rate of \$12/hr. with a start date to be determined. NN/MC 5A Motion Carried.

4. Approval of purchase of concrete parking blocks Motion to approve the purchase of concrete parking blocks from Del Zotto at a cost of \$2280. HR/JP 5A Motion Carried.

5. Approval of purchase of signs Motion to approve the purchase of signs from Genesis Graphics at a cost of \$917. JP/NN 5A Motion Carried.

C. MRF

1. MRF Supervisor's Report May 2013 placed on file by unanimous consent. The report states that the MRF supervisor is having "problems with sub-

contractors working on the cell tower.” Jim Patterson will look into this. TA Pete Clark was also directed to ask that the recycled aluminum be sold now.

IV. Committees

A. Zoning

1. ZA's Report May 2013 presented by ZA Jen Croonborg-Murphy and placed on file by unanimous consent. J. Patterson & N. Nelson both stated that they like the educational program outlined in the report. G. Nelson asked if the meeting with the Department of Natural Resources [DNR] on May 21, 2013, regarding beach erosion is open to the public. Croonborg-Murphy suggested that he ask Alyssa Core of the DNR.

Motion to move to item XVI C. next. HR Motion carried unanimously

B. Harbors

1. Dock Lease RE: C.A. Nelson: motion to renew the contract with C.A. Nelson for the lease of space at the dock. JP/HR 4A 1 Ab [GN] Motion carried.

C. CAPP

1. Resignation of three members accepted reluctantly with directions to the Clerk to write letters of thanks to Red Eldred, Chris Wolfe, and Linda Fuller. TA Clark was asked to find and recruit new members.

D. ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Energy (AEC)

1. Recommendation of new member: Motion to appoint Glenn Carlson to the ad Hoc committee on Alternative Energy. HR/MC 5A Motion Carried.

2. Authorization for the Committee to enter into an Agreement RE Request for Proposals: Site Assessment presented by Larry Bean. There are nine sites to be assessed at a cost of \$250 each, and the chosen proposal will need to be selected before the next Town Board meeting as the completion date for the assessments is May 29, 2013. Bean reported that he is aggregating the sites in order to save money, and that some of the property owners have offered to help with the expense. However, the AEC only has \$806.73 in its budget. Greg Nelson stated that he is willing to see the balance funded out of the contingency fund. Motion to authorize the ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Energy to enter into an agreement for site assessments and to pay the balance of the cost of the assessments [balance=cost minus \$806.73] from the Town's contingency fund. HR/JP 5A Motion Carried.

3. Energy audit of all Town buildings According to Larry Bean, there was an energy audit done in 2009, but the results have not been tracked down yet. Bean was able to remember the following recommendations:

- replace all of the Town's outdoor lighting with LED lighting
- replace two of the Town Hall doors
- insulate the crawl space at the Library
- install energy-saving lights at the Recovery Facility [MRF]

The consensus was that another audit needs to be done. Larry Bean & Pete Clark will follow up on this.

V. Library

A. Recommendation of new member: Motion to appoint Al Wyman to the Library Board. HR/JP 5A Motion Carried

VI. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Report April 2013: Motion to approve the Budget Report for April, 2013. HR/JP 5A Motion Carried.

B. Resolution #2013-0514 Comprehensive Plan Revision Communications & Public Involvement Plan Motion to adopt & sign Resolution #2013-0514 Comprehensive Plan Revision Communications & Public Involvement Plan. JP/NN 5A Motion Carried.

C. Live Streaming of Meetings at Town Hall nothing new at this time

D. General & Auto Insurance Renewal nothing new at this time

E. Dogs Running Loose Chair Nelson explained that Animal Rescue is one of the services for which the Town of La Pointe pays Ashland County but does not receive. He added that the La Pointe police are not trained for this, and their equipment is not adequate for the job. He added his hope that upcoming legislation that would exempt both La Pointe and Washington Island from paying to their respective counties for services that they have to provide for themselves will alleviate this problem

F. First Meeting of Board of Review: by consensus the First Meeting of the Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 5:20 PM for the purpose of adjourning till Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

VII. Vouchers Motion to approve a \$200 voucher for the Fire Department to be pro-rated among those firefighters that helped to clean up Larry Whalen's trailer. HR/MC 5A Motion carried. Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$21,606.66. JP/HR 5A Motion carried. [Clerk's note: this is incorrect due to a math error on the part of the Clerk. The correct amount should have been \$21,409.66.]

VIII. Alternative Claims April 2013 Motion to approve Alternative Claims in the amount of \$103,796.04 plus Library Alternative Claims in the amount of \$2710.94. JP/HR 5A Motion Carried.

IX. Treasurer's Report approved showing a checking balance of \$902,322.94. JP/HR 5A Motion carried.

X. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting April 9, 2013 Motion to approve as submitted. HR/JP 4A 1Ab [MC] Motion Carried

B. Regular Town Board Meeting April 23, 2013 Motion to approve as submitted. MC/JP 5A Motion carried.

C. Special Town Board Meeting w/Town Plan Commission April 25, 2013 Motion to approve as submitted. MC/JP 4A 1 Ab [HR] Motion Carried.

D. Special Town Board Meeting January 14, 2013 [Clerk seeking corrections] Motion to approve as corrected. HR/NN 3A 2 N [MC/JP] Motion Carried.

XI. Police

A. Police Department

1. Police Chief's Report May 2013 placed on file by unanimous consent

XII. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's Report May 2013 placed on file by unanimous consent

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

A. CAP Award By-laws change

- B. Board of Review Resolution to appoint Alternates to Board of Review.
- C. Presentation by Tom Ketchum RE: Town's insurance
- D. Rental of Recreation Center RE: Inline Skate Marathon
- E. Live Streaming of Town Meetings
- F. 1% Volunteer "Tax"

XIV. Public Comment B none**

XV. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XVI. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

- A. Non-intoxicating Beverage License Renewal

- 1. Island Corn

- 2. Madeline Island Yacht Club

Both approved by motion: HR/NN 5A Motion Carried.

- B. Temporary Class "B" Picnic License for Madeline Island Wilderness

- Preserve: Motion to deny: NN/JP 5A Motion Carried

- C. Application for a new "Class C" Wine License Motion to allow a new "Class C" license for wine by the glass. HR/JP 5A Motion Carried.

XVII. Adjournment at 7:50 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on May 28, 2013

Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

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